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	Art Unit	2143
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**For FY 2005**☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 180.00**Complete if Known**

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	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	Small Entity	
	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>
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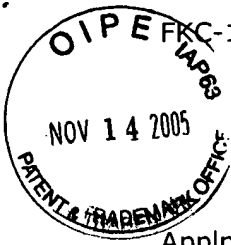
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TC/A.U.: 2143  
Examiner: Alina A. Boutah

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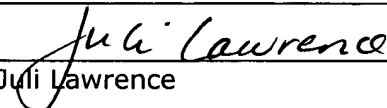
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	2	US-6,085,100 A	07-04-2000	Tarnanen	
	3	US-6,571,234 B1	05-27-2003	Knight, et al.	
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